LANTRY STEPS DOWN AND OUT

HEARD FIRE INSURANCE COS. WOULD RAISE RATES ON HIM.

Fis Information on That Head Erropeous -What They Want Is Better Protection. and Meanwhile They Are Writing Less Insurance-Mayor's Appreciative Letter

Francis J. Lantry has resigned as Fire Commissioner, the resignation to take effect at the pleasure of the Mayor, and Mayor McClellan has accepted his resignation, to take effect February 10. Commissioner Lantry's letter to the Mayor is as follows:

DEAR SIR: On January 1, 1898, I was appointed to the office of Commissioner of Corection, which office I filled for a period of four years. Thereafter and on January 1, 190s, you honored me by my appointment to that same office, and again upon the occasion of your reelection reappointed me to that office on January 1, 1908.

During my administration of that department I devoted my best energies to the faithful and complete performance of all its duties, and in a manner which I may say without vanity gained for me the confidence and esteem of all who had relations with it, of the penologists who were specially interested that branch of the municipal service and of the public generally; and the department ing one which under the statute called for periodic investigation by the various grand juries empanelled during my long rm of office, it was my good fortune to be rays and especially complimented by that mnetent body on my administration

These facts in connection with my publi rice came under your official observation and I have no doubt that, influenced thereby and your personal knowledge of myself, you to the honored me by appointment to the office of Fire Commissioner of this city on

ctober 10, 1906. I have brought to the performance of the ies of that office all of the same effort and energy and such administrative ability I possess, if anything even in a greater at I have brought that department to such state of efficiency and had succeeded in rablishing such an esprit de corps in the ire guarantee that this city possesses, as conscientiously believe, the best Fire Depart-

ent in the world.
During the last few weeks, however, brough circumstances beyond my, if not be and all human, control, criticism and aniandversion have been levelled against that department. For the moment it would be itle to discuss the animus behind the same, but I have been credibly informed that the re insurance companies of this city have haid hold of it as a pretext to increase their rates-a matter which is of direct concern

I know such a condition is unwarranted, and yet, notwithstanding my conscientious performance of the duties of my office, an atmosphere of doubt and anxiety has been created which it would be the duty of every public spirited citizen to allay. To the end therefore, that, so far as the administration of the Fire Department of this city is conerned, there should be no possible ground of objection on the part of the insurance any other bodies or parties bich may have an interest therein, direct I beg herewith to tender my resgnation as Fire Commissioner of the city of ew York, to take effect at your pleasure. ours respectfully. FRANCIS J. LANTRY.

To which Mayor McClellan replied: NEW YORK, Feb. 6.

The Hon. Francis J. Lantry. DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge' the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., in which you tender your resignation as Fire Com-missioner. I fully understand the reasons you offer for your action. In accepting your resignation, to take effect February 10, I vish to thank you for your loyalty of purpose. You may well be proud of your record as Commissioner of Correction. More than that, I believe that the people of New York will appreciate your motives in resigning from the Fire Commissionership. Respect-GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.

Commissioner Lantry's information that "the fire insurance companies of this city have laid hold of the criticism and animadversion" as a "pretext to increase their rates" was contradicted last night by insurance men. George W. Babb of the Northern Insurance Company, president of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, characterized the statement as "absolutely

"The subject of an increase in rates has not been broached or considered by the rate committee of the New York Fire Insurance Exchange since the time of the San Francisco disaster," said Mr. Babb. "The efforts of the fire underwriters have been along other lines. To be sure, the present rates are inadequate if the city is never to have any better fire protection than it has this: The fire protection system may be improved, or the insurance companies may raise their rates to protect themselves, or third, they may stop writing business in this city. As a matter of fact, instead of raising the rates, they have been of raising the rates, they have been trying to have the public see that the present fire protection is inadequate and that new means of fighting fire should be installed; and until something in that line is done they have decreased their writing of new insurance. This decrease in business is attributable directly to the revelation of the conditions of the city. Fire Department and the failure of the city so far to improve those conditions. The fire underwriters seek protection rather than higher rates, since no rates would compensate for a fire department so deficient in its apparatus as to be unable to cope with fires."

The insurance men insist that it is not only the condition of the hose as revealed only the condition of the nose as revealed in the Parker Building fire that ought to be remedied, but that other things must be done in the department before the underwriters will feel themselves in a position to go ahead with writing new business freely.

They are anytous to have an entirely new They are anxious to have an entirely new fire alarm system installed in accordance with the reports of experts which have been published. As an example of the way in which things are in the department, one of the insurance men yesterday pointed out that a new fire boat was nearing completion and that no steps had been taken to get appropriate hose to equip it, and that a new high pressure system of water mains was being put in and that "practically nothing had been done toward obtaining the proper size and grade of hose for it."

While neither President Babb nor any

others of the board seen had anything to my directly about the resignation of Commissioner Lantry, one of them, when told of the resignation, said: "It is just as well." Mayor McClellan said yesterday that nothing would be done this week toward

out a successor to Commissioner

JUDGE HARGIS KILLED BY SON. Famous Kentucky Feud Leader Shot Five Times by Drunken Boy.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 6 .- Judge James Hargis, for years one of the central figures in the Hargis-Cockrill feud, was murdered to-day in his own store by his own son,

Judge Hargis was shot five times. The son, who was crazy drunk, is only 21 years old. He is the only son, the other child of Judge Hargis being a daughter, Evelyn, who was married only a month ago to Dr. Hogg, a prosperous physician of this town. Beacher Hargis has been unruly for several years and has frequently run away

from home. He was recently arrested for vagrancy in Cincinnati and his mother brought him back to Jackson. Several nights ago Beacher Hargis and his father had a dispute and Judge Hargis restrained the boy from doing him violence by superior strength. About 3 o'clock to-

day he walked into his father's store and when the father upbraided him for drinking he ran behind a counter and getting a revolver began firing at his father. The first shot struck Judge Hargis in the breast just under the left nipple and he fell. The boy than ran toward him, firing as he approached until he had fired five shots.

In the store were James Brophy and wo women. Brophy grappled with the boy after he had emptied his revolver, and in a few minutes officers arrived and he was taken to jail, where to-night he is apparently a raving maniac.

Besides the bullet in the breast which made the death wound, three bullets entered his abdomen and one his left leg. The hoy when he began shooting threw his overcoat over his father's face.

Judge Hargis was County Judge for many years, had made many friends and was a political power.

The Cockrills, Cardwells and Marcuses stood in his way. Marcus, a young attorney, headed a contest to the election of Hargis and Ed Callahan, which started the Hargis-Cockrill feud, which almost bankrunted Hargis, and was blamed for many

SUBMÁRINES MAKE A START And Then Come Back Again, Finding the Sea Too Rough.

The submarines Tarantula, Cuttlefish and Viper, preceded by the gunboat Hist, flag-ship of the expedition, bound for Annapolis on the longest trip ever attempted by vessels of their class, made a start for the open yesterday evening. It was the intention to send them away last Saturday, when there was a gale afloat, but Lieut. C. E. Courtney, who commands the Hist and is the admiral of the squadron, decided that

they could not do the trick in had weather. The little ships left the navy yard yesterday afternoon after manœuvring in the upper bay to see that everything worked shipshape. They headed seaward, passing out at Sandy Hook in a single column, with the Hist leading, at 6:05 o'clock. The marine observer at the Hook thought they were off, but they were not. He did not see them again, but Quarantine reported them passing in to anchorage off Tompkinsville at 8:50. Lieut. Courtney had found very rough weather outside, although it looked placid enough in the lower bay when he headed seaward. He so informed by wireless Rear Admiral Goodrich, in command at the navy yard.

Fellow Passengers on the Bermudian-He'll Not Write About It.

was a reporter wrote at least one good story of shipwreck, arrived last night from Bermuda with Capt. Anerew Adams of the abandoned Yankee schooner Mary L. Newhall and ten men who were passengers by the Quebec Line steamship Bermudian. Mark said he was not going to compose a varn about the Newhall

The Newhall was bound from Port Tampa with a cargo of phosphate rock, got caught in a northwesterly gale off Hatteras and was blown down toward Bermuda. She lost all her canvas and some of her spars in a successions of blasts and finally carried away her rudder. Two jury rudders that were rigged could not stand the assaults of the combers and she continued drifting broadside to the swells until she

drifting broadside to the swells until she was about 200 miles this side of Bermuda. Then at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon the Bermudian came along and stood by. Second Officer John Walsh and a boat's crew of five men made an effort to reach the shipwrecked men, but the seas were too tall, and after a hole was punched in the best the accord officer returned to boat the second officer returned to

Meanwhile Capt. Adams and his men attempted to leave the wreck, over which attempted to leave the wreck, over which
the seas were breaking in a motor launch,
which was smashed against the schooner's
side. All hands got back on the schooner.
At dawn on Monday Walsh succeeded in
rescuing the schooner's crew. The seas
were still so rough that the boat could not
go alongside the wreck and the rescued
jumped overboard and were hauled into
the boat. Passengers of the Bermudian
who saw the gallant work of Walsh and his
men made up a purse of \$600 for them.

DEALT WITH BANKER WALKER. An Item From the Pinkert ons About Horace

When Horace A. Blackmur of 123 Scher-merhorn street, Brooklyn, and Edna Smith of Newark, N. J., who were arrested on Wednesday after an investigation of the "brokerage houses" of J. Fulton Rogers & Co. and A. K. Hubbard & Co., were arraigned before Magistrate Corrigan in the Tombs court yesterday, they were charged with obtaining \$3,000 under false pretences from a number of persons unnamed. The original complainant was W. J. Limburgh of Talladega, Ala., who said that he had been swindled out of \$670. According to the Pinker tons Blackmur and the Smith woman have swindled Southern bankers out of \$50,000. They were held in \$2,000

out of \$50,000. They were held in \$2,000 each for examination.

Norman F. Bailey, assistant superintendent of the Pinkerton agency, says that Blackmur had business dealings with William F. Walker, the absconding treasurer of the New Britain, Conn., Savings Bank. Edna Smith's real name, according to Bailey, is Margaret Von Eidan.

Another alleged victim of Blackmur is a broker named Brown, with an office at 198 Broadway, who telephoned to the police that he would appear as a complainant.

that he would appear as a complainant WALKER SOON TO START FOR NEW BRITAIN San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.—The steamer St. Denis, which has arrived from Ensenada. brings word that extradition papers for W. W. Walker, the banker, wanted in New Britain, Conn., for embezzlement, have arrived from the City of Mexico and that Walker will be brought here on the next

Frand Order Against J. Overton Paine. The Post Office Department has issued a fraud order against J. Overton Paine who was last heard from in Newark when his stock market tipping bureau was raided last Augush He has made several fortunes; but is now reputed to be broke.

THOUGHTS BEFORE SUICIDE

SORRY SHE COULD NOT EVEN DIE WITHOUT BEING A NUISANCE.

Bought Her Coffin and Arranged in Advance for Her Funeral So as to Leave as Little as Possible to Be Done-Ruined by the San Francisco Earthquake.

Mrs. Cleo A. Walton, a business woman who had a room at the Hotel La Grange at 409 West Fifty-seventh street, killed herself in her room yesterday afternoon with cyanide of potassium. She had posted letters to Dr. George F. Shiels, her physician, at 75 West Fifty-fifth street, and to the Frank E. Campbell Company, undertakers at 241 West Twenty-third street, telling what she was going to do. The letters were delivered about 5 o'clock and Dr. Shiels and the Campbell company called Police Headquarters over the phone within a few minutes of each other.

Policeman Kelly was sent around to the hotel in a hurry and broke into Mrs. Walton's room, which is a small one on the fourth floor. The woman, wearing a blue dress and white silk slippers, was found dead on a couch. By her side was the poison bottle. On a table was a picture of herself, which looked as if it had been taken recently and which showed the woman in the same dress. There were three letters in the room, one addressed to "Whom It May Concern," another to R. L. Wright, a neighbor and friend who lives in the house, and the third to Coroner Harburger. The latter read as follows:

"This is a case of suicide pure and simple. and no act of my life has been consummated with more free thought. Kindly allow the Frank E. Campbell Company to take possession of my remains without autopsy.

The letter Dr. Shiels received read: MY DEAR DOCTOR: I am more than sorry hat our acquaintance has been so slight that you will look on this last act of mine as a brainstorm. I should like to have you feel that it is the surrender of a proud, strong soul to the inevitable. I have the oppor-

tunity of going into business here and I am sure that I have those attributes within nyself that make for succe I have already succeeded in whatever I have undertaken, and I am not afraid to compete even in New York. It is my unalterable nviction of the absolute futility of all things that makes the effort useless. Even though have obtained the success for which'I should strive it could not bring a single hope into my life or joy to my heart; so wherefore the

struggle? Though our ideals have not been very close together I believe that in your sou you will understand the forces at work in mine and that to a woman of my nature and environment life could offer nothing more, especially as all whom I ever loved

I have made arrangements with the Frank E. Campbell Company for the disposition of my remains. Will you kindly see that my wishes are carried out and after everything is over write to my sister and tell her about She could not possibly come here and you will see how much better it is for her to learn it after she could not feel that there was anything for her to do. I have shipped my personal effects and money to her.

So there is nothing to be attended to. I am very sorry to have to trouble you. It is indeed pitiful that one cannot even die without ust before taking the cyanide, so that no one will know that you get this and you will not need to get into print. If anything could be a comfort to me in this supreme hour it is to feel that I have a San Franciscan to appeal to,

a son of the place that I love best I am grateful for the sympathy and interest you have shown in my welfare and that in itself would have helped me if anything could. Sincerely, CLEO WALTON.

Coroner Harburger went to Campbell's and found that Mrs. Walton had called there wo months before and picked out a coffin. When asked by the clerk who waited upon her why she was doing it previous to death she replied that she was in poor health and likely to die soon. Mrs. Walton paid down \$65 on account, and in the letter received yesterday expressed a desire to be cre-

R. L. Wright, to whom Mrs. Walton left letter, said that he had known her from girlhood. He said that she came from an excellent family in Fayetteville, Tenn., and had afterward moved to Denver, where she married. In San Francisco the husband died, and Mrs. Walton was forced to go into business. She opened a millinery store in Sutter street and was successful until the earthquake, when she lost everything. Then she came to New York. She engaged a room at the La Grange Hotel on September 23. Mrs. James K. Roby of

Flatcreek, Tenn., is her sister. Dr. Shiels said that the dead woman had suffered from melancholia. He also commented upon the fact that a druggist would sell to an unknown person as much of the poison as Mrs. Walton was known

to have taken-two ounces things exists that a person can go out and buy that much poison," he said.

Mrs. Waiton appeared about the hotel as usual yesterday morning and paid her bill up to and including to-day. She also rintended the shipping of a trunk, which Coroner Harburger thinks was sent to her sister. Mrs. Walton when asked why she was leaving the hotel said that she intended moving uptown. "I'm going up into the Nineties," she

have more money.' PRINCE NOT TO VISIT ROME.

Pepe's Attitude Said to Have Decid Albert of Monaco to Abandon Plan.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SON.
ROME, Feb. 8.—The correspondent of THE Sun is reliably informed that the Prince of Monaco has abandoned his projected visit to Rome owing to the attitude of the Vatican, which threatens a complete rupture of diplomatic relations and to make a formal protest to the Catholic Powers in case the visit to the Quirinal is made.

LONDON, Feb. 8 .- A news agency despatch from Rome does not agree with the fore-going. It says it is officially announced that the Prince will arrive on February 20 to visit King Victor Emmanuel and ex-Queen Margherita and that he will not ask an audience of the Pope

This is a defiance of the Vatican's prohibition against Catholic rulers visiting the Quirinal. It is expected that it will result in the Vatican issuing a protest to all the Powers, as on the occasion of President Loubet's visit to Rome. The incident is of special gravity bea diplomatic representative near the Holy See, has, it is asserted, undertaken to send a yacht to convey the Pope to Monaco if his Holiness should ever leave Rome.

WOMAN KILLED IN FIRE

Which Destroyed West Side Apartment House Several Overcome by Smoke. One young woman was killed while she

was being rescued and the members of four families were overcome by smoke in a fire which practically destroyed the apartment house at 101 West Seventieth street at 2 o'clock this morning.

The woman killed was Miss Margaret Landon, who lived with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Landon, and two sisters on the fifth floor. Her mother and sisters were taken down ladders in safety; but while Margaret was stepping on an extension ladder she slipped and fell to the pavement. She was killed instantly.

The fire started in an airshaft on the second floor and spread rapidly to the upper floors. The tenants, clad only in their night clothes and not waiting to gather up any of their effects, fled into the hallways, which were filled with smoke, and started to grope their way down the stairs to the street. The smoke was so dense that many of them rushed back to their apartments and went to the windows, where they remained shricking for help until the firemen arrived and put up ladders.

Considerable difficulty was experienced taking the men, women and children down the ladders. On all the upper floors the tenants were leaning out of the windows, some of them standing on the sills ready to jump, while below policemen and others shouted to them to wait.

Nearly all of the occupants of the house were taken down on ladders while those living on the upper floors made their way to the roof and got over to the adjoining building on Columbus avenue.

Those who were injured and overcome by smoke were taken to the Walton and the Tuxedo, apartment hotels opposite, where they were attended by ambulance surgeons.

The ground floor of the building was occupied by Thomas F. Carr, a hardware dealer. The house was a double flat containing eight families and in it were fifty

The police said that a man who jumped from a third story window was hurried away in a cab. He was said to have died before he reached the hospital.

KILLS MAN TO BREAK SPELL. Patient Shoots Physician, Who He Says Governed Him by Telepathy.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Feb. 6 .- Alleging that for two years he has been pursued by the malign telepathic power of Dr. L. F. Meyers, Edward Power, a merchant, went to the office of the physician late this afternoon and shot him twice, making wounds that

will cause his death.
"I had to do it," said Power after the shooting. "Two years ago I became Meyers's patient and since then he has pursued me with his devilish telepathic power. Time after time this power has been exerted on me to make me do things that were wrong | conventions elected two delegates to the

"My life has been made miserable. afternoon while in my office I felt Dr. Meyer urging me to do wrong by telepathy and I decided that it was time to end it. So I came here and shot him. I had to do it to save myself."

On a previous occasion Power went to Dr. Meyer's office with the intention of shooting him. It was only after a long argument that the doctor induced his patient to refrain from using his pistol. Dr. Meyer is one of the leading physicians of the city and Power is prominent in business. Both have families.

BARS DOWN FOR PETER PORTER. invited to Republican Caucus to Be Held

To-night, but May Not Attend. WASHINGTON, Peb. 6 .- It is a case of "to be or not to be" with Peter Augustus Porter of Niagara Falls, Representative in Congress from the Thirty-fourth New York district. Whether he shall permit himself to be formally enrolled as a Republican or remain on the fringes of the party is a question that Mr. Porter must decide by to-morrow night. To-day he received an invitation to attend the Republican caucus which was set for to-night, but which was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Porter was undecided to-night what he would do. He said that inasmuch as the notice received by him that the caucus was to be held had been sent out at the last minute he was disposed to keep himself separate and apart from the Republican organization of the House.

CAUCUS POSTPONED.

Republican Leaders Heard That It Was to Be Used to Boost the Cannon Boom.

Washington, Feb. 6.-A report circulate in the House to-day by some alleged humor ist that the Republican caucus was set for to-night by leaders interested in the Cannon boem in an effort to break up the President's reception to Congress at the White House resulted in the postponement of the caucus until to-morrow night. The meeting to-night was called for the purpose of ratifying the selection of the various State delegations of members of the Con-

gressional campaign committee.

It became known to Republican leaders to-day, so one of them said, that a sensational story would be sprung to-morrow that while the President was receiving at the White House to-night in honor of Con-gress the Republicans of the House had gone into ecstasies over a speech in which Joseph G. Cannon had again been nominated for the Presidency. It was there-fore decided at a late hour to kick the foundations from under the yarn by post-

poning the caucus. It has already been decided by the Repub-lican management of the House that there shall be no change in the official personnel of the Congressional campaign committee. Representative James 5. Sherman of New York will succeed himself as chairman.

New Virginia Member of Rep National Committee. Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—Harry S. New, chairman of the Republican national committee, appointed to-day Alva H. Martin of Portsmouth, Va., a member of the national committee to succeed George Bowden, who is dead. Mr. New says he has on file more applications for seate at Chicago than the convention building would hold.

FLORIDA DIVIDED ON TAFT

OFFICEHOLDERS ALL FOR HIM; RANK AND FILE OPPOSED.

Two Disorderly State Conventions of Negroes, One Made Up Wholly of Roosevelt Appointees, Held in One Hall-Contesting Delegation Expects to Win Out.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 6 .- Taft first last and all the time was the sentiment of the State Republican convention held here to-day by the Federal officeholders, but the anti-Taft forces split off and held their convention in the same hall at the same time and selected an uninstructed delegation. Wild disorder prevailed throughout the day, but neither side gave way and each faction elected delegates to the national convention.

The officeholders elected Joseph E. Lee, negro, secretary of the State central committee and Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Florida, as chairman of their convention and adopted resolutions nstructing their delegation for Taft.

The opposition convention was presided over by J. H. Dickersop, grand master of the negro Masonic fraternity, but their convention was dominated by Joseph N Stripling, former United States District Attorney, who had sent to the chairmen of the various county committees a letter in which he said that the friends of Senator Knox, Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon had requested him to askist them in the contest for delegates to the national convention. This letter, which was in possession of the other side, said that "the delegation which we propose to send, even though it be upon a contest, will be seated."

The officeholders' convention adopted resolutions approving of the policies of the Roosevelt Administration and "the conservative manner in which he has carried them out" and instructed the delegates elected to the national convention to support the President's policies and the candidate who is in sympathy with and who will carry out those policies

The anti-Taft convention adopted reso lutions condemning in strong terms the attempts to influence and control by use of Federal patronage, through Government officeholders, the selection of delegates to the national convention in the interests of any Presidential candidate.

The officeholders' convention elected as delegates to the national convention J. N. Coombs, member of the national committee from Florida: Joseph E. Lee (negro) collector of internal revenue; Henry S. Chubb, receiver of the United States office at Gainesville, and M. B. MacFarlane, collector of customs at Tampa. Four alternates were also elected.

The anti-Taft convention elected as delegates to the national convention Joseph N. Stripling, former United States Attorney: J. DeV. Hazzard, J. H. Dyckerson and R. R. Robinson, the two latter being negroes They also elected four alternates.

Congress district conventions for the first and second districts were held by each faction immediately after the adjournment of the State convention, and each of these nal convention and adopted the same resolutions as the State conventions of the respective factions.

Never has such a sight been witness here as was presented in the convention hall. Two city marshals and a dozen policemen were on duty and were frequently called on to eject unruly delegates. Ninetenths of both conventions were negroes and Northern visitors stopping at the hotels were treated to a sample of what Repub licanism means in Florida.

MRS. MAN, SHE HAS SAILED in a Green and Brown Striped Dress and Highly Nervous State.

A nervous woman in a green and brown striped silk travelling dress attracted much attention on the White Star Line pier yester day just before the sailing of the steamship Celtic for Queenstown and Liverpool by writing and tearing up notes. Finally she sent one off in charge of a messenger boy. Before the boy had reached West street she sent another boy to get him back and taking the note she had given to him tore that up also. She was overheard to remark after this: "He doesn't know I'm sailing and nobody shall know."

The young woman had brought a trunk and a handbag down on the pier in a cab not more than five minutes before the ship's sailing time, and she was urged by the pier superintendent to have them hustled aboard if she intended to take the Celtic. Even after her baggage had been stowed away she seemed reluctant to go herself. She was told that the gangplank was being taken down and she made a run for it and got abound. She is tall and dark, stylish looking and about 30 years of age. She did not tell her name to the pier superintendent.

MAN OF STRANGE TONGUE. Nebody Yet Has Found Out What's the Dark Visitor's Language.

A man of Oriental aspect was put aboard the Royal Mail Line steamship Atrato, in yesterday, just as she was leaving Sava-nilla. The agent of the company who hustled the stranger on the ship said that his name was G. Ferris, which seemed to indicate that he might be English or American. Later Capt. Wateon and the purser of the ship tried to talk to the stranger in English and he did not respond. All the English and he did not respond. All the languages of Europe known to passengers and crew were tried on the dark man vainly. Chief officer Hill, who has served on the ships of the line in the Far East, spoke Hindustanes to the passenger, and he simply shook his head and articulated something unintelligible. A passenger tried Arabic on the queer talker and he made no sign of understanding. He was sent to Ellis Island, and to-day the interpreters there will take a linguistic fall out of him.

BLACK HAND AFTER QUAY, Late Pennsylvania Schator's Son Among These Who Are Threatened.

Pirrssuag, Feb. 6.-More Black Hand letters have been received by Richard R. Quay, son of the late Senator Quay, and C. C. Scaife, W. P. Snyder and Berton Singer of Sewickley Heights threatening the destruction of their homes by dynamite No money is asked, but the release of Giuseppe Murino, who was arrested at the Sewickley Post Office several weeks ago, is demanded. Murino is in the Allegheny county jail charged with sending letters to Quay and the others demanding

W. K. VANDERBILT TO BUILD. Combination of Garage and Double Resi-

dence to Cost \$150,000. Permits were issued yesterday for the erection of a new building at 47 and 49 East Fifty-second street which the plan clerk of the Building Department found himself stumped to classify It may be either a garage or a two family dwelling, or, more likely, both.

The site, which is now occupied by two stables and which is flanked by a stable on either side, is between Madison and Park avenues and belongs to William K. Vanderbilt. The structure is to be seven stories high and will cost \$150,000, according to the estimate of the architects, Warren & Wetmore. The basement is to contain a garage and there will be a billiard room in the rear on the ground floor. A central winding staircase with a foyer, an electric elevator and a pergola that may be used for a summer garden are among the other features of the building, whose upper floors are arranged for two duplex apartments. The façade is to be in the Italian Renaissance

NASH OFF FINANCE COMMITTEE. Sald to Differ on Currency With Chamber

of Commerce Colleagues. William A. Nash, president of the Corn Exchange Bank, resigned yesterday as a member of the finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Nash gave press of duties as his reason for resigning, but there were rumors that there had been a disagreement on the currency question between him and some of his colleagues on the committee.

KAID MACLEAN RELEASED.

Bandit Raisull's Captive Arrives in Tangler in Good Health. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN TANGIER, Feb. 6 .- Kaid Sir Harry Maclean, Colonel of the Sultan of Morocco's

ago by the bandit Raisuli, has been released

by his captor and has arrived here in good health. Raisuli accompanied the Kaid.

WATER WAGON FOR CONGRESS. Pennsylvania Prohibitionists Get After

Capitol Speakeasies. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 .- Representative Acheson of Pennsylvania, a leader in the prohibition movement in that State, has brought his temperance views to Washington with him. He disapproves strongly of the "band pigs," now said to be in operation in the Capitol. Mr. Acheson would put an end to this illicit traffic. He introduced a bill to-day providing that the committee rooms and other rooms connected with the House shall be supplied "with pure natural spring water."

MRS. EDDY SEES NEW TEMPLE. Drives Past Famous Boston Church While

Taking Her Daily Outing. BOSTON, Feb. 6.-For the first time Mrs Mary Baker G. Eddy to-day caught a fleeting glimpse of the new temple in Falmouth street. Since she has been living in Newton she has been taking her drives in the vicinity of her new home. To-day orders were given that the drive should be extended into Boston, that she might see the exterior of the structure in which she is so

greatly interested. Accompanying her as usual was Calvin A. Frye, her secretary, who was riding inside the carriage instead of on the box. It was at best only a brief glimpse that Mrs. Eddy got of the great edifice, for there was no stop at the church. The pair of blacks attached to her closed carriage were brought to a slower pace as they passed the building and then went out of

sight down Falmouth street. SNOWCAPPED SAINTS.

Trinity Was the Showlest of Downtown

Architecture for a While Under the snow's necromancy Trinity somewhat sombre on the usual winter day, was converted yesterday morning into the showlest piece of architecture downtown. The heads of the saints in the niches were aureoles of frost and all the pinnacles were tipped as with evanescent marble. Wall street, having not much else to do, paused a while in admiration of the spectacle. Cornices, arches and every other bit of ornamentation aloft er all buildings with fancy façades were adorned by the frosty brush of the storm, but Trinity took first prize in the sky gallery. The vision vanished under the arrows of the ardent sun and soon all the minarets were dripping and tears were rolling down

M'CONNELL'S BODY FOUND. Fireman Apparently Was Stunned by

the noses of the saints.

Plank and Died of Exposure. The body of John J. McConneil of Engine Company 4, who with Themas Eglinton of Truck 10 was killed when the floors of the burning building at 43 and 45 Worth street fell last Tuesday afternoon, was found at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by

Deputy Chief Guerin's men.
Fireman McConnell's head was badly bruised, and the probability is that he was knocked senseless by a falling plank and died of exposure. For hours after the floors went down under the weight of a three ton safe the firemen shouted McConnell's name within a few feet of the mass of rubbish under which he was caught

but got no response. The body was found on a level with the second floor, pressed close against the east wall of the building by the ruins of the stairway and débris from the collapsed floors. There was not enough weight on the body to have crushed McConnell to death and it did not appear that he had

HEARD THE CZAR WAS KILLED.

een suffocated.

a Quick Hunt for News. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Newspaper offices in london, Paris, Berlin and Vienna were excited late to-night by repeated reports that the Czar had been assassinated. There was a hot exchange of telegrams seeking

The Russian Embassy here denies the story, and a newspaper has received a despatch from St. Petersburg also denying it.

MARDI GRAS, NEW ORLEANS, \$37.75. Via Southern Ry., A. & W. P., W. of A. L. & N. Bound trip tickets on sale Feb. 25 to March : Through Puliman & Dining Car Service, N. Y. Office, 1200 Broadway.—Adv

'COME BACK,'CABLED TO MORSE

BUT DOUBTS EXPRESSED IF RE SAILED ON CAMPANIA.

Millions Lest, Strong Boxes Empty and the Shertif in the Ex-Banker's House-He Has Not Enough Left to Live On, Some Friends Say, and Is Broken in Spirit.

"Come back immediately" was the gist of a cable message sent yesterday to Charles W. Morse by Albert B. Boardman, his counsel, at the instance of United States District Attorney Stimson, who has charge of the Federal inquiry into Mr. Morse's transactions in national banks. The cablegram was addressed to Mr. Morse at Liverpool, where, as Mr. Boardman supposes, Mr. Morse will arrive on the Campania on Saturday.

Later Mr. Boardman decided to try wireless and sent to Liverpool to be marconied to the Campania this message:

"Advise immediate return."

In other quarters there appears to be some doubt where Mr. Morse is. Nobody has been found who saw him board the Campania on Saturday. A despatch from Boston says he was seen there at noon yesterday, but people have a gift for seeing missing men almost anywhere. Erwin Morse, a son who is a student at Yale, is quoted as saying last night that he dined with his father and mother at their home. 728 Fifth avenue, last Sunday night and that his father said nothing at that time about going to Europe. The Campania had sailed

the day before. Benjamin Wyman Morse, a son who is at Harvard, declared that the report that his father had gone to Europe was "all nonsense."

bodyguard, who was captured some months "I heard from him last night," said young Morse and I know that he is in New York." Max Porges, one of the Sheriff's deputies who were temporarily in possession in Mr. Morse's house yesterday, says he was satisfied from what he heard there that Mr. Morse is still in this city.

Officers of the Cunard Line while admitting yesterday that Mr. Morse might have sailed on the Campania without their knowing it said it was doubtful. "Of course," said one of the officers, "it

is possible that he went aboard the last moment, but our people know him and he is a man who usually makes ample prepa-The company's representative at the pier was on the boat from Friday afternoon

until the sailing time on Saturday and he didn't see anybody that resembled Mr. Morse. Mr. Boardman was summoned yesterday to appear before the Grand Jury n reference to the affairs of the National Bank of North America, of which Morse was vice-president and the controlling

began. The Grand Jury didn't get to Mr. Boardman yesterday, but will hear him "Why did the District Attorney request you to cable Mr. Morse to come back? Is he involved in the charges that the Grand

spirit before the process of elimination

Jury is investigating? "I don't know, but I suppose it is be cause a good many people here want him,"

was Mr. Boardman's reply As a matter of fact, transactions in which Mr. Morse was concerned in the National Bank of North America have been under investigation by United States District Attorney Stimson's office for several weeks and Mr. Morse has known this. He had not, however, been subposnaed to appear

before the Grand Jury. Mr. Morse's friends and advisers admitted yesterday that he is down and out financially; that all of his fortune, which has been variously estimated from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000, has been wiped out. One man who is familiar with Morse's affairs estimated yesterday that if a balance was struck to-day he would be \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 to the bad. Another man who has made a careful search for Morse assets said he was satisfied that the ice man has only about enough of his fortune left to pay his living expenses for a year or two. Lawyer Boardman characterized as rot any suggestion that Morse had left this country with \$1,000,000 or more of cash and securities

with the intention of burying it out of the reach of creditors. Morse was broken in spirit before he disappeared. His friends say that he told them that he couldn't stand by any longer and watch the frightful shrinkage in his assets He had to have rest and he wanted to get away from it all if only for a few weeks.

This is practically what he told his lawyer last Friday. Mr. Boardman said that Morse had expected at first to sail on Tues day on the Kaiser Wilhelm II., which was his favorite boat for European trips, but he announced on Friday that he had changed his mind and would go on the Campania

the next day. "He told me," said Mr. Boardman, "that he was so tired out that he wanted to get away at once. I didn't see him go aboard the steamer, but I am confident he sailed on her. He did not run away from his debts or anything else. He was simply worn out and had to have some rest. He said he would be gone only three weeks and if there was any reason why he should return earlier he would take the first steamer back. When he left he anticipated no trouble. He thought he had the suit brought by R. A. C. Simth to recover \$155,000 all settled, and he had no intimation, eit that the receiver of the National Bank of

North America was going to press him."

Mr. Boardman said that he himself had had a talk with Mr. Smith before Mr. Morse left the country and that he had understood the arrangements which Mr. Morse ha made to take back the 500 shares of the National Bank of North America stock from Mr. Smith were satisfactory to Mr. Smith. Mr. Boardman supposed that disposed of the suit which Mr. Smith had brought. This misunderstanding was the only reason why Mr. Morse had let the suit go by default, although he had never ques tioned his indebtedness to Mr. Smith. In the case of Mr. Morse's indebtedne

of \$243,000 to the National Bank of North America Mr. Boardman declared that it was secured by ample collateral, and he could not see why the receiver of the bank had got out an attachment against Mr. Morse' house and household furniture. The \$243,-000, it is understood, is secured by bonds of the Consolidated Steamship Company and of some of its subsidiary concerns. It represents the balance of three loans made by the bank to Morse last fall and aggre-